

**Applicant: Beecroft et al.  
Application No.: 10/714,696**

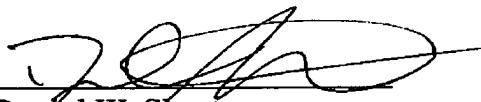
**Conclusion**

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-21, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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